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FAA AWARDS MORE THAN \$3 MILLION FOR NEW TAXIWAY AT MORRISVILLE-STOWE AIRPORT

Montpelier, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) will receive approximately \$3.1 million in federal funds to build a new taxiway at Morrisville-Stowe State Airport that will enhance safety by allowing new traffic patterns for the private, commercial, and glider pilots who use the busy airport.

In a joint statement, Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Representative Peter Welch (D-Vt.) said, “This funding will enable Vermont to improve safety at one of our busiest airports used by local pilots as well as visitors from out of state. Safe airports with active private and commercial use are a vital part of Vermont’s transportation infrastructure. We will continue to advocate in Washington for federal investment in Vermont’s aviation system.”

“State airports play an important role in our economy and I appreciate our Congressional delegation’s commitment to investing in this infrastructure,” said Governor Phil Scott. “Increased safety at the Morrisville-Stowe airport is a major win for those currently using it and will help as we work to attract new businesses and expand hangar use.”

The new parallel taxiway will be added to runway 19, at the north end of the runway, and extend to the current apron location. The resulting traffic pattern will enable pilots to enter and exit the north end of the runway without having to back-taxi the runway, thus improving safety at the airport.

“Safety comes first in everything that the Agency does,” said Agency of Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. “These federal funds will have a direct impact on safety at the Morrisville-Stowe airport, and we are glad for the chance to improve the traffic patterns for current and future pilots.”

The funding is part of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) 2018-2020 Supplemental Appropriation. On May 15, the US Department of Transportation announced an Intent to Award projects totaling approximately \$779 million at 127 airports in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

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